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WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Presents Project of the Year Award to Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona Chairman Steve Owens today presented the “Best Public Drinking Water Financial Assistance Project of the Year” award to the Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District (GVDWID) for a drinking water financial assistance project.

“Green Valley DWID’s drinking water system is on the right path to success,” said Chairman Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. “We are committed to helping communities like Green Valley DWID that take steps to ensure their community has safe drinking water. This is a great project.”

Green Valley DWID used the \$1,300,000 loan funds to design and construct an arsenic treatment facility. The new facility brings the DWID into compliance with the new federal arsenic standard.

“Arsenic removal is a tremendous challenge facing many of Arizona’s small communities and water systems like Green Valley DWID,” said Judy Navarrete, WIFA’s Interim Executive Director. “WIFA commends the DWID for acting quickly to meet the new federal arsenic standard.”

The WIFA Project of the Year awards are given to outstanding WIFA-funded projects as demonstrated by their performance in resolving water quality issues, securing public support and cooperative funding efforts. The WIFA Project of the Year awards are selected annually by the WIFA Board of Directors.

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private drinking water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA’s Web site at www.azwifa.gov.